(b) In view of shortfall in production of coal from Singereni Coalfields steps have been taken to supplement coal supplies to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station from Talcher coalfields of South Eastern Railway.

Project for running Electric Trains between Delhi and Calcutta

2242. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to implement the project worth of 43 crores of rupees to run Electric Trains between Delhi and Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of drinking water in Andhra Pradesh villages

2243. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the action taken by Government on the project report for providing drinking water supply to RAYACHOTY and three other villages in CUDDAPAH District in Andhra Pradesh forwarded by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, vide No. 59610|RWS. III-89-2, 17-10-89?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): The scheme has been technically scrutinised and not approved.

Million wells scheme

2244. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of success rate of million wells of JEEVANA DHARA scheme in the frequent drought affected areas of Rajasthan and Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to dig surface Borewells instead of open wells in the above areas under this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) On the basis of the information furnished by the Rajasthan Government, the success rate of wells under the Million Wells Scheme (the correct name of the Scheme) in the frequent drought affected areas of Rajasthan is cent percent, as no failure has been reported so far. As regards the success rate of wells in Rayalaseema, Andhra Pradesh, although specific information on failed wells is not readily available, the Andhra Pradesh Government has informed that 6289 number of wells have been approved under the Scheme under National Rural Employmnt Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) out of which 5949 number of wells have been geologically cleared. The number of wells taken up for execution in the area under the Scheme is 4692, out of which wells completed are 1998 and the remaining 2694 number of wells are reported to be in progress.

(b) and (c) The Million Wells Scheme has been launched as a sub-scheme of NREP and RLEGP, which have since been merged into Jawahar Rozgar Yoja-